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ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a cart corral assembly of the type employed by stores, such as grocery stores, to encourage the consumer to temporarily store grocery carts in the parking lot before bringing the cart within the store structure. The cart corral includes a first set of two spaced apart vertical rails in a base support extended between these rails. The base support supports the vertical rails in an upright position. At least two spaced apart horizontal rails are provided and are removably engaged with the vertical rails in a position [abut] above the base support. [The horizontal rails form an obtuse angle with the vertical rails.] A second set of two spaced apart vertical rails are provided opposite the first set of vertical rails and are removably engaged with the horizontal rails. A second base support extends between the second set of vertical rails and supports the vertical rails in an upright position. Removable and replaceable polymerized sheathing surrounds each of the vertical and horizontal rails. The polymerized sheathing has an inner diameter equal to or greater than the outer diameter of the vertical and horizontal rails. Removable slip-on structural fittings are provided for removably connecting the vertical and horizontal rails to each other.

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